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1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION MAY BE BRIEFED TO PRESS EXCEPT WHERE OTHERWISE NOTED. FYI: BEGINNING WITH THIS MESSAGE, THE WEEKLY KABUL CITY MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS REPORT WILL INCLUDE A SECTION REPORTING ON NEW CONSTRUCTION IN THE CITY, PARTICULARLY THAT WHICH HAS POTENTIAL MILITARY OR ECONOMIC SIGNIFICANCE.

2. KABUL SECURITY: KABUL REMAINED RELATIVELY QUIET DURING THE WEEK WITH ONLY TWO NIGHTS OF INCOMING ROCKETS REPORTED, ONLY ONE VEHICLE BOMB DETONATION AND TWO BOMBS PLACED IN CULVERTS THAT DAMAGED ROADS IN KHAIR KHANA AND JAMAL MENA (ONE, DATE UNKNOWN). GENERALLY, SECURITY FORCES IN THE CITY WERE RELAXED THOUGH MANY DIPLOMATS AND MOST OF THE POPULATION CONTINUED TO OBSERVE AN UNANNOUNCED 2200 CURFEW. SOVIET AUTHORITIES, CIVIL AND MILITARY, HAVE UNDERTAKEN NEW SECURITY MEASURES IN RECENT WEEKS. SOVIET TROOPS ARE NO LONGER SEEN ON CHICKEN STREET, ZARGUNA MAIDAN AND IN MIKRORAYON ONE -- ALL PRINCIPAL SHOPPING AREAS FOR FOREIGNERS.

A. LOCAL

MERCHANTS, WHOSE BUSINESSES HAVE BEEN HURT BY THE SOVIET ABSENCE, ATTRIBUTE THE SITUATION TO A NEW SECURITY ORDER BANNING SOVIET TROOPS FROM THESE SHOPPING AREAS. SOVIET CIVILIANS CONTINUE TO SHOP IN THE AREAS THOUGH USUALLY UNDER THE WATCHFUL EYE OF ARMED, FLAK-JACKETED SOVIET TROOPS. AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY, A NEW SECURITY WALL, SEPARATING THE ALREADY WALLED COMPOUND FROM DARULAMAN ROAD, IS BEING EXTENDED ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE COMPOUND AS WELL. IN NORTHERN KABUL AT THE JUNCTION OF SALANG AND PERIMETROAD, SOVIET TROOPS ARE INSTALLING FENCE-BARRIED WIRE ALONG THE OUTER PERIMETER. AT NIGHT, ROVING SOVIET ARMOR PATROLS (ONE TO TWO VEHICLES) PROWL THE CITY SEARCHING ALSSAND BACKSTREET WITH HIGH INTENSITY BEAMS. LOCAL RESIDENTS REPORT POOR SECURITY AT NIGHT IN SOUTHEAST, SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST KABUL. IN THE SOUTHEAST A MAJOR REGIME TEXTILE MILL HAS SUBSTANTIALLY SHUT DOWN, PARTIALLY BECAUSE OF POOR SECURITY. SHOPS IN SOUTH KABUL WERE SHUT DOWN NOVEMBER 22 BY REGIME ORDER, APPARENTLY AS A SECURITY MEASURE. MUJAHIDIN SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST OF THE CITY CONTINUE TO HARASS SOVIET AND DRA UNITS MANNING PERIMETER DEFENSE FOR THE CAPITAL. ON NOVEMBER 20, A WOMAN DIPLOMAT DRIVING THROUGH THE CITY AFTER DARK WITH HER TWO YEAR OLD SON WAS STOPPED BY ARMED DRA GUARDS WIPDEMACCA SHE LEAVE HER BAG AND CLOTHING OF TRUNK. OBSERVING TWO GUARDS WERE BEHAVING

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STREET.

-- NOVEMBER 21: AT 2320, DIPLOMATS IN NORTHERN KABUL HEARD SHORT BURSTS OF HEAVY WEAPONS FIRE. MUJAHIDIN IN THE RISHKHOR AREA (SOUTH OF KABUL) EXCHANGED FIRE WITH DRA/SOVIET UNITS IN DARULAMAN.

-- NOVEMBER 20: AT 1740, ACCORDING TO SEPARATE REPORTS FROM A DIPLOMAT AND AN AFGHAN, A LARGE VEHICLE BOMB EXPLODED IN KHAIR KHANA. THE BLAST WAS HEARD THROUGHOUT NORTHERN KABUL BUT REPORTEDLY DID LITTLE DAMAGE AND CAUSED NO CASUALTIES. THE SAME DAY, A PACKAGE BOMB WAS FOUND NEAR AN ELECTRIC POWER FACILITY IN THE SOUTHWEST SUBURB OF KOTI SANGI.

-- NOVEMBER 19: DURING THE EVENING, A VEHICLE CARRYING THREE KHAD OFFICIALS WAS ROCKETED IN QALA SHODA IN SOUTHWEST KABUL. ALL THREE OFFICIALS WERE KILLED.

-- NOVEMBER 17: A DIPLOMAT REPORTS A ROCKET STRUCK KHAIR KHANA AT 0300. THERE WERE FATALITIES. OTHER DIPLOMATS REPORT MACHINE GUN FIRE HEARD IN NORTH KABUL AT 1050.

-- NOVEMBER 16: AT 0805, A ROCKET BELIEVED TO BE 122MM, HIT A POWER PLANT AT THE JUNCTION OF PERIMETER AND SALANG ROADS. THERE WERE NO INJURIES AND ONLY MINOR DAMAGE. AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TIME, A DIPLOMAT REPORTED OUTGOING ARTILLERY FIRE POSSIBLY IN RESPONSE TO THE INCOMING ROCKET. A SOURCE AT KARGHA REPORTS MUJAHIDIN FIRED ROCKETS IN THE DIRECTION OF KABUL FROM FAGHAN DURING THE EVENING, NOVEMBER 16 AND 17.

3. VEHICULAR MOVEMENT: MAJOR SOVIET CONVOYS WERE OBSERVED LEAVING KABUL DURING THE WEEK WITH PARTICULARLY HEAVY MOVEMENT SOUTH. OVER 700 SOVIET VEHICLES, MOSTLY ARMOR AND SERVICE/SUPPLY TRUCKS, DEPARTED KABUL HEADED SOUTH ON THE LOGAR ROAD, NOVEMBER 20. SEPARATE REPORTS NOTE MOVEMENT OF OTHER MAJOR DRA CONVOYS SOUTH AS WELL. THERE WAS ALSO HEAVY MOVEMENT OF SOVIET SUPPLY CONVOYS NORTH ON THE SALANG. OBSERVERS REPORT THE FOLLOWING VEHICULAR MOVEMENT:

-- NOVEMBER 21: A DRA CONVOY ORIGINATING IN THE SPERPUR BASE IN NORTHERN KABUL HEADED SOUTH OUT OF THE CITY BETWEEN 0545 AND 0745. THE UNIT REPORTEDLY WAS AMBUSHED SOUTH OF THE CITY BY MUJAHIDIN WHO INFLICTED LIGHT CASUALTIES.

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THE DAY. AT 1130, 60 FLAT-BED SOVIET TRUCKS, APPROXIMATELY 20 OF WHICH HAD ARMORED GLASS, HEADED NORTH ON SALANG HIGHWAY. AT 1230, 16 TRUCKS, 14 CARRYING AMMUNITION HEADED WEST OUT OF KABUL. AT 1530, A NUMBER OF SOVIET TRANSPORT UNITS (INCLUDING VEHICLE UNIT ID 1043) MOVED NORTH OUT OF KABUL ON THE SALANG. AT 1630, A DRA CONVOY CONSISTING OF NINE T-54'S AND ABOUT TEN TRUCKS HEARING TROOPS AND GEAR MOVED WEST ON KARGHA ROAD.

-- NOVEMBER 19: BETWEEN 1805 AND 1825, 14 SOVIET ARMORED VEHICLES AND 12 TRUCKS MOVED THROUGH KABUL IN THE DIRECTION OF THE LOGAR ROAD.

-- NOVEMBER 18: AT 0400, A CONVOY CONSISTING OF 40 ARMORED VEHICLES AND AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF TOWED GUNS MOVED EAST ON JALALABAD ROAD.

-- NOVEMBER 17: A RELIABLE SOURCE REPORTS THAT DURING THE WEEK, SOVIET AND CRA TROOPS DEPLOYED FROM KABUL TO KHOST BY ROAD. THE MOVEMENT INCLUDED BETWEEN 100 AND 200 ARMORED VEHICLES. THE MOVEMENT MAY HAVE BEEN A LARGE CONVOY THAT MOVED SOUTH THROUGH THE CITY BETWEEN 0420 AND 0450.

-- NOVEMBER 16: AT 1120, A LARGE SOVIET CONVOY RETURNED FROM THE WEST. IT INCLUDED FOUR T-62'S, APPROXIMATELY 20 SELF-PROPELLED GUNS, 18-19 AMP'S AND TEN TRUCKS.

4. AIR MOVEMENT: DURING THE WEEK, 34 IL-76 TRANSPORTS ARRIVED IN KABUL, DOWN SHARPLY FROM THE PREVIOUS WEEK'S UNUSUALLY HIGH NUMBER OF 58. THE IL-76 TRAFFIC REMAINS GREATER THAN AVERAGE, HOWEVER. THE IL-76'S CONTINUE TO RECEIVE HEAVIER THAN NORMAL PROTECTION WITH MOST ESCORTED INTO AND OUT OF KABUL AIRPORT BY FOUR MI-24'S. IN THE PAST THE MI-24'S FOLLOWED THE IL-76 AROUND THE KABUL BASIN AS THE AIRCRAFT CLIMBED TO SAFE ALTITUDE. RECENTLY, THE MI-24'S HAVE CONFINED THEIR ESCORT TO A TIGHT HOVERING CIRCLE AROUND THE AIRPORT. THE IL 76'S ALSO CONTINUE TO DISPENSE GREAT NUMBERS OF FLARES. ONE AIRCRAFT WAS OBSERVED TO DROP OVER 200 FLARES OVER THE KABUL BASIN. THE FLARES, INTENDED TO DIVERT HEAT SEEKING ANTI-AIRCRAFT MISSILES FALL INTO THE CITY. SOME OF HAVE CAUSED INJURY WHILE MANY, FREQUENTLY, IGNITE SMALL FIRES. SEVERAL DEATHS DUE TO BURNS CAUSED BY FLARES ALSO HAVE BEEN REPORTED. DURING THE WEEK, HELICOPTER ACTIVITY FROM KABUL AIRPORT TO THE SOUTH AND TO THE SOUTHWEST REMAINED MODERATE-TO-HEAVY. ON

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NOVEMBER 18, A SINGLE BAKHTAR FLIGHT FLEW FROM KARUL TO JALALABAD, THE FIRST IN 11 DAYS. NO PLANES HAVE FLOWN SINCE. AIR TRAFFIC WAS HEAVY SEVERAL NIGHTS, CONTINUING A PATTERN OF HEAVY POST SUNSET ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES. (COMMENT: NEXT WEEK'S REPORT WILL NOTE THE ARRIVAL OF SOVIET JET FIGHTERS AT AND OPERATIONS OUT OF KARUL AIRPORT, BEGINNING NOVEMBER 23.) SOURCES REPORT THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS DURING THE REPORTING WEEK:

-- NOVEMBER 22: HEAVY NIGHT AIR TRAFFIC WAS NOTED. DURING THE DAY, FIVE IL-76'S ARRIVED THEN DEPARTED.

-- NOVEMBER 21: FIVE IL-76'S ARRIVED THEN DEPARTED.

-- NOVEMBER 20: THREE IL-76'S ARRIVED THEN DEPARTED.

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-- NOVEMBER 19: THREE IL-76'S ARRIVED THEN DEPARTED.

-- NOVEMBER 18: A BAKHTAR AIRCRAFT FLEW FROM KABUL TO JALALABAD. THE FIRST IN 11 DAYS. NONE HAVE FLOWN SINCE. NINE IL-76'S ARRIVED THEN DEPARTED.

-- NOVEMBER 17: AIR ACTIVITY AT NIGHT WAS HEAVY. THREE IL-76'S ARRIVED THEN DEPARTED (DURING THE DAY).

-- NOVEMBER 16: AIR ACTIVITY AT NIGHT WAS HEAVY. SIX IL-76'S ARRIVED THEN DEPARTED (DURING THE DAY).

5. CONSTRUCTION IN KABUL: CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY IN KABUL, GIVEN THE SIZE OF THE CITY, IS MODEST. AMONG ONGOING MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS: EXCAVATION CONTINUES WITHIN THE RADIO AFGHANISTAN COMPOUND FOR WHAT IS TO BE A LARGE COMMUNICATIONS COMPLEX. THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS IS MOVING TOWARD COMPLETION IN DOWNTOWN KABUL. THE POLISH EMBASSY HAS BEGUN CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW EMBASSY AT A SITE LOCATED IN THE KARTE WALI AREA NEAR THE U.S. EMBASSY. THE POLISH EMBASSY, WHICH NOW IS LOCATED IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE CITY NEAR THE SOVIET EMBASSY AND OTHER SOVIET FACILITIES, WAS HIT BY A ROCKET IN 1986. THE CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY ALSO IS REPORTEDLY PLANNING TO MOVE TO A SITE NEAR THE NEW POLISH EMBASSY SITE. IN MILITARY OR MILITARY-RELATED CONSTRUCTION, A NEW TWO-STORY WING, COMPRISING THREE SEPARATE MODULES, IS NEARING COMPLETION AT THE SOVIET MILITARY HOSPITAL IN SHAR NAU. SOVIET TROOPS HAVE COMPLETED A NEW MULTI-STORY MASONRY BUILDING THAT APPEARS TO BE A BARRACKS AT THE MAJOR SOVIET BASE AT THE JUNCTION OF PERIMETER AND SALANG ROADS. A SECOND MASONRY BUILDING IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION. WALLS, APPROXIMATELY TWO METERS HIGH AND STRETCHING FOR HUNDREDS OF METERS THROUGH OPEN FLAT LAND IMMEDIATELY SOUTHEAST OF THE KABUL AIRPORT APPEAR TO BE EXTENSIONS OF THE KABUL CUSTOMS AREA AND INDUSTRIAL PARK. THE WALLS ALSO FUNCTION AS BARRIERS TO MOVEMENT ACROSS THE FLAT PLAIN SOUTHEAST OF PERIMETER ROAD WHICH HAD PROVIDED AN UNHINDERED APPROACH TO THE AIRPORT. THE DRA SHERPUR MILITARY BASE AT THE NORTHWEST END OF BIBI MARU IS EXPANDING WITH NEW WALL AND BUILDING CONSTRUCTION. IN NON-MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, TRAFFIC ON JALALABAD ROAD HAS BEEN RESTRICTED TO ONE LANE SINCE OCTOBER AS REGIME CREWS LAY LARGE CULVERTS UNDER THE ROAD AT A POINT APPROXIMATELY TWO KMS FROM THE MIKROGRAYON. HOUSING CONSTRUCTION IS UNDERWAY IN THE CAURE HOUSING AREA NORTH OF THE HELICOPTER PAD AT KABUL AIRPORT, IN MIKROGRAYON

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